GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:200
ANSWERED ON:29.11.2016
Collaboration with Israel for Dairy, Aquaculture and Agriculture
Hay Prof. Richard

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and Israel have inked agreements in various field of agriculture and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the benefit accrued to India as a result thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to implement a scheme with the assistance of Israel in various areas such as research, dairy and aquaculture, agriculture and farmers welfare and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the details of the funds likely to be sanctioned by the Government under the scheme; and

(e) the time by which the scheme is likely to be implemented in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
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(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 200 DUE FOR REPLY ON 29TH NOVEMBER, 2016.

(a) to (e): Yes, Madam. Government of India and the Government of the State of Israel have signed an agreement on 24.12.1993 for cooperation in the field of Agriculture wherein areas like Water and soil management, arid and semi arid crop production, fruit and vegetable production, post harvest and processing technologies, plant and animal sciences including development of dairy branch, plant protection and control, veterinary science, agribusiness, farm mechanization and technology, agriculture training and extension, agriculture research and agro forestry find specific mention.

Under the Agreement, three Action Plans have been agreed upon and during these three phases of Indo-Israel Action Plan, 28 Centers of Excellence (CoEs) for fruits, citrus, pomegranate, sub-tropical fruits, bee-keeping, vegetables, date palm, mango, kinnow and litchi have been sanctioned under Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH). Out of these, 12 CoEs have been commissioned and are providing planting material and training to farmers. Under the Action Plan, more than 200 field officers from States have also been trained in Israel. Israeli experts are regularly visiting India and conducting farm demonstrations of their technologies. The third phase of Action Plan 2015-2018 is being implemented in 21 States.

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